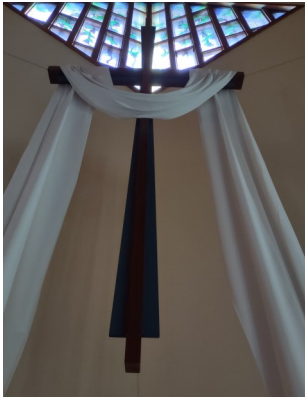


Zion Lutheran Church, Superior WI

Gathering together, Growing in faith, and Going into the world in Jesus' name.

Pastor's Message



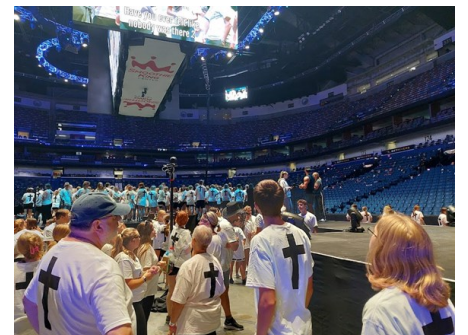
We had 4 youth and 3 adults from Zion attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans at the end of July. On our way to the Gathering, we spent 2 days in Memphis doing some service work and learning about the history of the city.

The theme of the Gathering was *Created to Be: Brave, Authentic, Free, Disruptive, Disciples*. The theme verse was from Psalm 139, "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are you works; that I know very well. Each night we would gather with 16,000 of our church friends and worship and learn together in the Smoothie King arena. One night of the Gathering we even got to be



in the mass cast and included in a special worship experience where we were down on the floor doing a dance routine for the whole arena.

Each day of the Gathering offered us different experiences of New Orleans and being church together. One day we served in the community, one day we did a scavenger hunt in the French Quarter and worshiped with other church groups from WI and MI, and one day we played together and learned about various ministries of the ELCA. We met people from all over the country (and even Canada!). What an amazing experience!



Here are just some of our favorite memories/experiences:

"Seeing the kids working together with other groups during our mission work and doing it in the heat and humidity"—Vicky

"I liked walking around the French Quarter and going into the big church!"—Joy

"The Whack-a-Mole game at the Convention Center in New Orleans! There was so much silly laughter, and it got us in the Gathering spirit."—Pr. Sarah

"I liked all the different types of foods."—Micah

"I liked walking around the French Quarter." — Anna

"The trip was a perfect mix of learning about the challenges faced by others and expanding our sense of neighbor through speakers and presenters, enjoying each other's company (playing games/swimming etc.), exploring new places (Hey! The OCEAN!) and working together with purpose! Watching our kids, along with other young adults, jump in and serve without question, complaint or hesitation (such as our work at the food bank and City Park) was uplifting and joyful!"—Tim

Thank you for all your support along our journey, and we look forward to telling more of our stories in worship on Sunday, August 25th!

Church Council

Church Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, June 20th, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Rochon at 6:06pm. Present were Lynn Rochon, Pastor Sarah Gunderson, Aine Merrill, Sara Schubert McKone, Grace Becken, Margaret Sundet, Donna Meltz, Shannon Johnson, and Don Anderson. Absent Christel Lewis.

Devotions were given by Donna. Next month will be Aine.

A motion was made by Donna and seconded by Grace to accept last month's secretary report. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Today our total income for 2024 is \$71,829.38 which Lynn commented is about \$22,000 short of our budget amount of \$166,000. As of 6/20/24 current checking account balance is \$13,245.88, the savings balance is \$10,024.46, and the remaining mortgage due is \$38,347.26. Pastor Sarah handed out a comparative summary of all income and expenses for the past 5 years. Lynn and Aine recommended putting this summary out at coffee after service for members to view.

Pastor Report: Pastor Sarah reminded us of our vision and mission. Vision - To be a faith-filled community being changed and inspired by the power of God's Holy Spirit, and who make a difference in the world, by growing more passionate as followers of Jesus Christ. Mission - Being God's people gathering together, growing in faith, and going into the world in Jesus' name.

The electronic messenger has been going out. Mail chimp has been the recommended platform to send the messenger. Encouraged others to share photos and stories for entry of the newsletter. Physical mail option is still available.

Youth gathering - nearly done with fundraising! Only \$400 left to raise!!! Last candy bar sale is June 23 at Super One. The group leaves June 13th and returns July 21st. They are driving to Memphis for a couple days of service and learning, and then to New Orleans for the Gathering on July 16-20. The group hopes to do some Facebook lives, posts, and videos to share.

Synod Assembly - Stephanie & Grace Becken attended the assembly on June 8-9 at the UW-Eau Claire. A new bishop was elected - Reverend Martin Halom. He will be installed in September. Our congregation along with the other 3 ELCA churches in Superior received a Bright Spot Award. We were recognized for our dedication to shared ministry work as we gather for worship together, meet regularly to check-in with one another, and the work we are doing for Afghan refugees. Superior churches - shared worship service Aug 4th at 10am at Pilgrim Lutheran Church. It will be an outdoor worship service followed by a potluck lunch. We continue to work on supporting Amena from Afghanistan as she works to bring her family here to the US. There will be a community VBS program this summer in Superior which will include our 4 ELCA churches along with the United Presbyterian, St. Alban's Episcopal, and Faith Methodist churches. It will be Aug 12-15 at Our Savior's Lutheran.

Vacation days - Pastor will be gone July 3-6, and Aug 13-18. Office is closed July 4-5.

Upcoming events - Christmas in July, July 25th. Christmas worship, holiday singing, decorations, cookies, bingo, gifts for CASDA. Watch for more info in the July newsletter!

Pastor put a fun bucket outside on the side lawn for use. Please use the side yard for fun activities and take the bucket outside and bring it back in when done. Games and cards have also been added to the top of the piano in the church hall.

Zion's Faith Olympics - kicked it off in June with a bible reading challenge. If you'd like to get a devotional book, please reach out to the office for a copy. Once you complete a challenge you can get a sticker for your passport.

Committee Reports -

Discipleship: Working on VBS, early planning stages. This year's theme is based around the Olympics. VBS is scheduled for August 5-8. Will be asking for volunteers and donations.

Worship and Music: Did not meet this month.

Property: Did not meet this month. Bob replaced the office computer.

Stewardship: Event last night for Juneteenth was a huge success! Great food, fabulous company, and new visitors.

WELCA: Off for the summer!

A motion was made by Grace and seconded by Shannon to accept all reports as given. Motion approved.

(Continued on page 3)

COUNCIL OFFICERS 2024-2027		
Term Ends January 2025	Term Ends January 2026	Term Ends January 2027
Christel Lewis - Secretary	Grace Becken	Donald Anderson
Aine Merrill - Treasurer	Sara Schubert McKone - Vice President	Shannon Johnson
Margaret Sundet	Donna Meltz	Lynn Rochon - President

Vacation Bible School

VBS week is coming! This year we will be having fun exploring our faith with an Olympic theme! Our **VBS** meets from 9am-12pm each day on Monday-Thursday, August 5-8, 2024. We welcome ages 4K to 5th grade to participate. Come have fun with us!

All week, youth and adult mentors will help the children participate in events designed to benefit our neighbors and God's creation to grow deeper in their own faith. Along with music, crafts, science, snacks, stories and games, there will be special events daily. Monday we will make Grace Bags, plastic bags with personal hygiene items for our food shelf. Tuesday, birdhouses will be built to care for our flying neighbors. Wednesday there will be a Sandwich Race to make sandwiches for our food shelf. And Thursday, rocks will be painted for our outdoor gardens reminding all who spend time there of God's love and care for them. We look forward to giving young people an opportunity to join together in-service to our community.

On Sunday, August 11th at 9:30am, **VBS** kids & families are invited to worship with us. **VBS** kids will help lead worship by sharing songs and stories they learned during the week. A **VBS** celebration party will follow in the fellowship hall at 10:30am. All are welcome!

Thrivent Action Funds of \$250 were applied for and received to cover the cost of the supplies.

Please fill out the registration form on the web site or call the church office by July 31st to register for **VBS** week!

FAITH OLYMPICS:
LET SHARING GOD'S LOVE BEGIN



National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

Come and meet neighbors of Zion, **Tuesday, August 6, from 5pm to 7pm**. There will be hot dogs, root beer floats, games for the kids, and with music by The Trash Cats, Duluth's premier acoustic cat rock duo.

(Church Council meeting minutes, continued)

Unfinished Business -

Constitution Review: All changes for the constitution were approved and sent to the Synod. Once it is approved, in January we will need to ratify the constitution.

Visioning: Pastor Sarah passed out a visioning activity discussing Romans 12:1-2 from New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition: The New Life in Christ and The Message Bible: Place Your Life Before God. Great discussion on what God is saying to us today.

New Business -

Financials - Congregational Report: Pastor Sarah included this report in the newsletter. This report was recommended to be put into the newsletter and possible bulletin once or twice a month.

Projects: Unknown on update on remaining balance on grant from the city.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

July 13-21 Youth Trip to New Orleans

July 25 Christmas in July

Aug 5-8 VBS

Aug 6 National Night Out


Aug 17 East End Family Fun Days - Church Rummage Sale

A motion was made at 7:33pm by Grace and seconded by Shannon to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next meeting July 18th, 2024 at 6:00pm. Submitted by Sara Schubert McKone

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>AUGUST 2024</h1>						
<h2>Vacation Bible School</h2> <p>August 5—8, 9AM—12PM</p>				1	2	3
4 NO WORSHIP @ ZION 10am Pilgrim Lutheran, potluck to follow	5 9am-12pm VBS 6pm AA Meeting	6 9am-12pm VBS 5-7pm National Night Out 6pm Al-Anon	7 9am-12pm VBS 3:30 Worship & Music	8 9am-12pm VBS 6pm Council Mtg	9 Donations accepted for EAST END DAYS	10
11 9:30 VBS Worship	12 6pm AA Meeting	13 5pm Operations 6pm Al-Anon	14	15 5pm Stewardship	16	17 EAST END DAYS Rummage Sale
18 9:30 Worship	19 6pm AA Meeting	20 6pm Al-Anon	21	22	23	24
25 9:30 Worship	26 6pm AA Meeting	27 6pm Al-Anon	28	29	30	31

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 4 Connie Jackson Aug 5 Mary Jo Bartylla Aug 6 Zachary Dittbender Aug 12 Kay Warner Aug 13 Kate Ingersoll Aug 13 Mary Nykanen Aug 15 Carter Johnson 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 17 Brad Haugen Aug 19 Gary Dunning Aug 21 Christel Lewis Aug 23 Kendra Lohman Aug 28 Polly Lohman Aug 30 Vicky Holm Aug 31 Kylie Bennett
--	--	--

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 3 Jeremy & Rachael Lackner Aug 6 Kelly & Saranae Thimm Aug 14 Cory & Stephanie Johnson Aug 18 Brett & Sarah Gunderson Aug 19 Juston & Amy Adrihan Aug 19 Russell & Marsha Checchin Aug 25 Craig & April Larson Aug 25 Knute & Nancy Pedersen
---	---

East End Days has been moved to the third weekend in **August**. We will begin accepting donations for the rummage sale on August 9. The rummage sale will be on Saturday, August 17.

PRAYERS FOR ALL

Prayer Chain: Please submit any prayer requests to a member of the prayer chain: Linda Moe 715-398-6779.

Prayers of Healing: Ric Adrihan, Barry Kilner, Michael Pelletier, and Tom Velin.

Prayers of Protection:

Nathan Anthony, Mathew Sherwood, Nathan Madsen, Keely Nelson, Andrew Hutton, Andrew Mattson, Joshua Seifert, and for all those who are in military service throughout the world and their families; and for law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMT's, and all who put themselves at risk for others.

Prayers of Comfort:

Those homebound or in nursing homes: Jerry and Marilee, Sharon Miller, Alice Mattson, Ellie Mae Nelson, and Delores Mackie.

Prayers for Strength & Guidance: Pastor Sarah Gunderson, Our Church Council, our lay leaders, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Synod Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson and our Synod Staff, and for all those who stand up for justice in Jesus' name.

Thank you to all who pray faithfully.

To add or remove a name, please call the office. 715-398-3663 Thank you.

Food Shelf Focus (pop-top cans are a plus)

Applesauce . Brown rice . Canned or dried fruit . Canned soup, stew and chili
 Canned tuna, chicken, SPAM & ham . Canned vegetables . Single serving cracker packets
 Granola bars . Instant Mashed Potatoes . Meals in a box . Whole Grain Pasta . Whole Grain Cereal
 Bar soap and body wash . Deodorant . Shampoo & Conditioner . Water-based lotions

Memorials for Bruce Dunning
 were received from

Linda & Dave Moe



Pennies—Continue saving.
 Every penny does make
 a difference. Thank you!

AUGUST LAY MINISTRY 2024

READER	COUNTERS
Aug 4 Combined Worship @ Pilgrim, 10am	Aug 4 Combined Worship @ Pilgrim, 10am
Aug 11 Micah Gunderson	Aug 11 Linda Brow, Carol Peterson
Aug 18 Donna Meltz	Aug 18 Polly Lohman, Ken Mertz
Aug 25 Rusty Mehlberg	Aug 25 Donna Meltz, Aine Merrill
MINISTER ASSISTANT	GREETER
Aug 4 Combined Worship @ Pilgrim, 10am	Aug 4 Combined Worship @ Pilgrim, 10am
Aug 11 Anthony Anderson	Aug 11 Janet Arena
Aug 18 Linda Moe	Aug 18 Lucy Sullivan
Aug 25 Aine Merrill	Aug 25 Lynn Rochon
USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
Aug 4 Combined Worship @ Pilgrim, 10am	Margaret Sundet
Aug 11 Vicky Holm	
Aug 18 Donald Anderson	
Aug 25 Vicky Holm	

If you are unable to serve at the scheduled time, please notify the Office at 715-398-3663 with the name of your replacement.
 Thank you for your service.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
2022 East Second Street
Superior, WI 54880

NO WORSHIP @ ZION, SUNDAY, AUGUST 4.

Come and join in worship at Pilgrim Lutheran, 10:00am
Potluck to follow. Please bring a dish to share.

Contact Zion

Pastor Sarah Gunderson
pastor@zionsuperior.org
715-398-3663, ext. 202

Email: pastor@zionsuperior.org
Cell Phone: 715-817-6543

Office Manager & Newsletter Contact
Paul Robinson

Email: churchoffice@zionsuperior.org

Organist & Choir Director
Gretchen Johnston, OSB

Custodian
Darren Velin

Prayer Ministry and Requests
prayer@zionsuperior.org

Sunday School (Pre-K through 5th grade)
LOGOS Youth Group

churchoffice@zionsuperior.org

*THE MESSENGER is a publication
of Zion Lutheran Church*

THE MESSENGER
AUGUST 2024

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA
*“Gathering together, Growing in faith,
and Going into the world in Jesus’ name.”*

Summer Sunday Worship Service
9:30 am

Coffee Hour at 10:30am

Worship Service is also on the website.

Summer Church Office Hours

Mo–Thu 8-1

Pastoral Hours: Tu-Thurs 9-1, and by
appointment

Want to give online via credit card or PayPal today??

Scan the QR code to give using a PayPal account .

